

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1868
OFFERED BY MR. GINGREY OF GEORGIA

At the end of the bill, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 309. PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-
2 TENT SERVICES.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-
4 stitute of Standards and Technology may procure the tem-
5 porary or intermittent services of experts or consultants
6 (or organizations thereof) in accordance with section
7 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code to assist on urgent
8 or short-term research projects.

9 (b) EXTENT OF AUTHORITY.—A procurement under
10 this section may not exceed 1 year in duration, and the
11 Director shall procure no more than 200 experts and con-
12 sultants per year.

13 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective
14 after September 30, 2010.

15 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
17 General shall report to the Committee on Science and
18 Technology of the House of Representatives and the Com-
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the

1 Senate on whether additional safeguards would be needed
2 with respect to the use of authorities granted under this
3 section if such authorities were to be made permanent.